

March 16, 2010

Michael Akiona

The Honorable James Kunane Tokioka

Chairman, House Legislative Management Committee

Hawaii State House of Representatives

415 S. Beretania St.

Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Representative Tokioka,

I am testifying in support of HCR 265, *Requesting the Auditor to conduct a financial audit of the Hawaii Air National Guard*, offered this month by Speaker of the House, Representative Calvin Say.

I am a currently a member of the HIANG. Although I may draw my opinions from the experience of nearly 24 years of military service, I must make it abundantly clear that my testimony represents my personal views and are not those of the U.S. Air Force or Hawaii Air National Guard. I am not a spokesman for the U.S. Air Force, Hawaii Air National Guard or any other agency or organization. I am providing testimony as a private citizen.

I have experienced the audit, inspection, and evaluation process throughout my career. Audits, inspections and evaluations, when conducted by an agency or observer external to an organization, provide the most accurate assessments of capability and compliance. The organization is provided objective feedback and recommendations for timely corrective action if required. HCR 265 asks for all of this to support the HIANG and State

Department of Defense in the successful accomplishment of both its state and federal missions.

The Hawaii Air National Guard in its role as a state militia and in its federal role when called to support our national defense, are keepers of a very special public trust. The awesome military capability of the HIANG and its multi-million dollar budget demand the highest standards of integrity, service and excellence to maintain that trust. HCR 265 requests for an objective independent assessment of the Hawaii Air National Guard in order to reaffirm the public's trust in the militia.

Sincerely, □ □

Michael Akiona

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Kurt W. Lajala

The Honorable James Kunane Tokioka  
Chair, House Legislative Management Committee  
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Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Representative Tokioka,

First, I must state that I am a HIANG member and am currently on Active Duty orders in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. Although I may draw my opinions from the experience of nearly 27 years of military service, I must make it abundantly clear that my testimony represents my personal views and are not those of the U.S. Air Force or Hawaii Air National Guard. I am not a spokesman for the U.S. Air Force, Hawaii Air National Guard or any other agency or organization. I am providing testimony as a private citizen.

I am testifying in support of HCR 265, *Requesting the Auditor to conduct a financial audit of the Hawaii Air National Guard*, offered this month by Speaker of the House, Representative Calvin Say.

Inspections and audits by higher authority are a common occurrence in the life of a military unit. Few service members would be a stranger to an inspection or audit of one kind or another. Inspections and audits serve a multitude of purposes. In its highest form they assess a unit's readiness and capability to perform its military mission. They also review a unit's daily compliance with applicable regulations and law. An inspection helps to reinforce unit standardization, promote safety in the work place, encourages efficiency and innovation, and insures the fair treatment and career opportunity of all service members. Inspections and audits provide commanders, at all levels, reliable feedback that mitigates the effects of personnel changes such as promotions, change of commands or retirements. They also serve to quickly "spin up" new unit members. Inspections and audits provide both our military and civilian leaders with a snapshot with which to judge the health of a unit.

The trust given to the military and law enforcement by the Public is one of the most sacred relationships in our American society. This relationship between the HIANG and the citizens of the State of Hawaii is codified in The Second Amendment of the U. S. Constitution and Articles I, XIV and XV of Hawaii's Bill of Rights. In short, they provide that all power is inherent in the people, establish the militia and subordinates the militia to civil power. When, at anytime, the confidence of the People in the militia is shaken or there are questions regarding the integrity or command fitness of an individual military leader or group of military leaders, the People deserve a complete investigation and prompt action. HCR 265, in my opinion, clearly represents the will of the People as

expressed through their elected representatives and senators to answer the many questions that challenge the public's confidence in the HIANG.

I don't know when an audit such as the one requested by HCR 265 was last conducted. I do know that the readiness, reliability and relevance of any unit, large or small, are always improved by an objective external review. An audit of the HIANG will serve to validate the readiness of the HIANG to meet both its federal and state missions, reveal the experience, expertise and leadership strength of the HIANG's current senior leaders and demonstrate the HIANG's fiscal responsibility. HCR 265, in short, will restore the public trust in the leadership of the HIANG. I fully support HCR 265, a request to conduct a financial and management audit of the Hawaii Air National Guard.

Sincerely,

Kurt W. Lajala



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William Benton

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Dear Representative Tokioka,

I am testifying in support of HCR 265, *Requesting the Auditor to conduct a financial audit of the Hawaii Air National Guard*, offered this month by Speaker of the House, Representative Calvin Say.

I am a retired Colonel of the Hawaii Air National Guard. My primary experience and area of expertise was as a F-15 and KC-135 pilot of the 154<sup>th</sup> Wing at Hickam AFB.

I have experienced the audit, inspection and evaluation process throughout my 30+ year career. Audits, inspections and evaluations, when conducted by an agency or observer external to an organization provide the most accurate assessments of capability and compliance. Furthermore, they provide the organization with objective feedback of the organization's own methods of self-inspection and recommendations for timely corrective action. HCR 265 asks for all of this to support the HIANG and State Department of Defense in the successful accomplishment of both its state and federal missions.

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Mr. Gary R. Jablonski

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Dear Representative Tokioka,

I am testifying in support of HCR 265, *Requesting the Auditor to conduct a financial audit of the Hawaii Air National Guard*, offered this month by Speaker of the House, Representative Calvin Say.

I am a retired Master Sergeant of the Hawaii Air National Guard and 27 year veteran of our nation's military. I left the State of Wisconsin in 1993 where I was a traditional status member and fulltime employee of Harley-Davidson, Inc. to accept a position as an AGR (fulltime military) status member of the HIANG. I retired from the HIANG in 2002.

In all of my years, I have come to accept audits and inspections as a "way of life." At Harley-Davidson every aspect of production and assembly was continuously reviewed. During my careers in the Wisconsin and Hawaii ANG every area of the mission was also audited, inspected or evaluated for standardization, compliance and effectiveness. After each audit, civilian or military, I was left with a feeling of validation of a job well done and great instructions for correcting revealed deficiencies. HCR 265 will provide the many dedicated professionals of the HIANG with the same validation of their service to our nation and community.

The HIANG, like any military organization, has a special obligation to the public to uphold the highest of values. These values are embodied in the words "Integrity first, Service before self and Excellence in all we do." They are the U.S. Air Force's core values and echoed down through every echelon of the Air Force and HIANG command. If there is ever the slightest hint of impropriety, personal selfishness or mediocrity, it needs to be investigated and corrected immediately. HCR 265 will serve to answer the many questions that have begun to be asked about the quality of leadership in the HIANG. I urge the committee to fully support this resolution, bring about an independent audit of the Hawaii Air National Guard and restore the public's confidence in our state militia.

Sincerely,

Gary R. Jablonski